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# Scouting About Tzaneen

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## Welcome - Editor Louise Kwara & Akela Zabe

Welcome to the first edition of Scouting About—Tzaneen. This is our first attempt at putting out a newsletter and hopefully not our last but that is all up to you!

Akela Zabe and I have decided this would be a great idea but without your help this newsletter is not going to work. So, start writing articles, in Shangaan, Sotho or English, it doesn't matter and we will add your news, views and information to this newsletter.

Tell me what you want to read about in the future but if your not interested in this newsletter then neither am I. So here is your chance to tell your story or the stories about your troops so that others can read and learn from your successes.

It's a way of learning and growing together but also of you learning

more about what is happening in Scouting in Greater Tzaneen.

We want to see your stories, for example who won Mopani's District Poetry Award—A SCOUT



Limpopo's Provincial Badge

What are our achievements. Lets not be quiet about it. Who has received a letter of special commendation from the Chief Scout in 2009? What different community projects are happening out there, let us know and we can tell the others what you are doing.

21st March 2010 you were all asked to perform the Human Trafficking drama, what have you done, where, and how many people attended? Did you take photo's?

The trafficking awareness is every ones concern, did you know the Induna's are asking your Troop to tell them when you are ready to perform your play and they will call a community meeting on your behalf to present your play. This is an opportunity to work together with Community Leadership and with the Community Based Organizations to spread the message and protect the children in your village from being kidnapped.

You also will be working towards your Star Award by participating in the community awareness and also working on your Spider (talk to your Court of Honor representatives about the Spider).

## Tzaneen Star Troop & Pack Awards 2009

Congratulations to all those who participated in the National Star Troop and Pack Awards in 2009. Just for participating you will be receiving a certificate from Mr. David Van Eyk— the National Commissioner for Scouts. I am proud to announce the following troops have received Star Awards. 1st Shiluvane has re-

ceived a Silver Star. 1st Mavele and 1st Burgersdorp have both received Bronze Stars.

Akela Zabe and I have been busy with National Head Quarters promoting changes to the Star System to accommodate what is happening in the rural areas and so in 2010 you will see there have been some changes to the

conditions that will help us achieve more Star Awards in 2010. Guys don't let us down. You can do this and put Tzaneen on the map in terms of Scouting in South Africa. DO YOUR BEST!

Congratulations to 1st Sasekani, 1st Nwamitwa and 1st Mosoroni for completing the National Cub Challenge, SHARING IS CARING!



Having fun at camp come and join the fun during the FIFA School Holidays.

*"All I had to look forward to turning 18yrs of age was learning to smoke and dying of AIDS—Scouts has changed me from a useless somebody to a man with vision and purpose"*

*Lepephane Scout*



**1st Shiluvane performing their Community Service**

## What's Coming in 2010

Have you heard! Did you know? We have wonderful new plans for June & July 2010 for those who aren't able to go to the World Cup matches we have booked out Westfalia from the 14th June—9th July for camping.

Keep The Dream 196 & Scouts will be running a series of adult and scout camps during this time HOWEVER, you can book through your Field Officers a camp during this time as well.

You will have to save money for transport and food for your Troop but the venue is paid for. Here is a chance to have your own patrol or Troop camp, to write your own program and to start working on your advancement program. This will also help you with the Star Awards.

Please book early to avoid disappointment because we only have a set number of tents for people to use. We will also ask you for a deposit

of R100/day when you book. **You will receive this money back when you come to Westfalia.** If you book and then don't come, you will lose your booking fee because it will mean that others could have come in your place but they missed out because of you.

Make bookings or Speak to:

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## Matriculants for 2009

In 2008 we had 5 Scouts who sat Matric, all 5 had been with the program for 5yrs. All 5 not only passed Matric but received bursaries for varsity. So if you think Scouts is a waste of time then you just don't get it.

Congratulations to Nkulu Mabuza who is studying Social Work at Wits, Ronny Sekwela who is studying

computer programming at TUT. Congratulations to Mielani Nogiela who is studying Business at TUT. Also congratulations to Amukelani & Nkateko Ndabambi who are studying medicine and teaching through Medunsa and Wits. In 2009 we had 15 scouts sit Matric. All 15 passed with Bachelor entry to University. When the Dept of

Education had to concede that the pass rate in Limpopo was 50% our scouts produced an amazing 100% pass and on top of that all received bachelor level entry to further studies. You should all be proud of your selves.

To all those studying Matric in 2010, you have a big history to maintain. Study hard and remember to always do your best

## Community Service Projects

One of the changes to the Star Award system is the recognition that not everyone can afford to go to camp and so it was decided at the last National Scout Council to include Community Service Projects as well to earn a Star.

In order to qualify your community Service must take place

over 3months of the year.

1st Shiluvane kept this stretch of road clear from rubbish, glass, and filled in potholes on this section for 3months.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Burgersdorp have saved their money to purchase seeds and have started a large communal gar-

den project. All the vegetables harvested will be donated to the orphans and vulnerable children and their families.

Human Trafficking presentations at schools, clinics and taxi ranks are another possibility.

What is your Troop doing?

# Harry Malatji honored by South Africa's Chief Scout



Harry was introduced to Scout-ing through his aunt Emily Malatji, a Home Based Care-giver with Balwantwa Home Based Care Organization. Emily ran the scout group from 2004

## Harry receiving a letter of Commendation from The Chief Scout by Angy Malatji Balwantwa HBC

until her death in Dec 2007, Harry then proceeded to take over the role of Scout Leader.

In Jan 2008 at the tender age of 15yrs, his mother passed away leaving him to care for his 2 sisters and elderly grandmother. Why is this important? Because Harry continues to shine in all

that he does and credits his suc-cess to the influence of scouts in his life. Harry has assisted all his Troop to gain their Path-finder Advancement badge. He has done all of this for his Troop, plus succeeded at school plus cared for his Grandmother and siblings at home.

Harry now is studying for Ma-tric this year and so we say Harry you're a star, we are all praying for your success at your studies but also in life.

*"I was so nervous when I had to read my poem but Scouts has helped me overcome my fear of speaking in public" - Martha Rakgwale*

## Who has won the Mopani District Poetry Award?

Martha Rakgwale entered her poem in the Mopani District Poetry competition and was selected the winner. Martha has been a scout since November 2003, She was one of the original 13 Scouts that we started with way back when.

### My 2010

A year of opportunities, a year in which we show our abilities, a year in which all nations unite a year in which all teams unite and for Bafana Bafana. I'm talking about Kaizer

Chiefs, Orlando pirates, Morocco Swallows and Sundown's and be-come one team.

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela we thank you, Siya Kubonga, Inkomu and Realeboga. If it wasn't for your struggle for freedom all those years you spent on Robben Island the pain you went through.

Striving to see to it that South Af-rica is a free country enables us to live free from discrimination and intimidation and today we are one.

My 2010, a year in which all dreams become reality. In 90days, will be blowing vuvuzelas, dancing and singing, praising our team Bafana Bafana.

Mexico, Germany. Italy, Egypt and many more we welcome you with both hands. So you can come feel the warmth and heart felt love we hold for you. My 2010, my year, my country, my team and my world. South Africa Ke nako, I nkarhi, its time, dit is tyd, Ngi tshifhi nga.

## Inside Story - Khanyisa Mabuza 1st Shiluvane

Being a scout has had a huge impact on my life because it changed the way I think, the way I look at people and the way I look at myself. Being a Scout is not about what you do when you are with other Scouts but it becomes part of your life-style. Joining Scouts is a decision that one makes because you want to change for the good. Scouts changes us in different ways: firstly,

you gain confidence. Secondly, you learn how to interact with different people and thirdly you can discover your abilities.

Join Scouts and your life will change forever.

**Khanyisa and Nkulu Mabuza two of the original 13 Scouts from 2003.**



# Linguist Badge



Did you know there is an interest badge called the linguist badge? Do you know how to be awarded this badge? Ask your Scouter, all Troops have received laminated pages of interest badges for you to start working on.

## Requirements:

Carry out the following in two languages other than your home language. One of the three languages must be an official language of the country in which you reside.

1) Hold a continuous meaningful conversation with another person, directing a stranger to local landmarks.

2) Discuss topics relating to Scouting activities, demonstrating a knowledge of the most common terms used for such concepts as Patrol, camp, cooking and first aid.

3) Translate into your home language a newspaper article of topical interest not exceeding 300 words written in another language. You may use a dictionary.

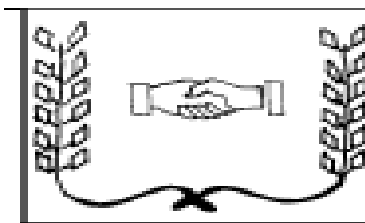
4) Translate into both of the chosen non-mother tongue languages an instruction of no fewer than 100 words written in your home language.

5) Describe, in both chosen non-mother tongue languages and in chronological order, the events

which have taken place in a mock accident or similar incident set up by the examiner.

Why not give this badge a go. Patrol Leaders, what about holding competitions with the other patrols in your troop to see which patrol can earn their Linguist badges first. You will also be working towards your Star Award.

## Give it a go!



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## KEEP THE DREAM 196 VISION:

**"To see all children enter adulthood with holistic skills and abilities necessary to contribute effectively to the development of South Africa."**

## KEEP THE DREAM 196 MISSION:

**"Our mission is to assist children to overcome difficult life circumstances by building resilience, physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically, using a Right's based framework, so they are able to realize their full potential and contribute to the building of South Africa."**